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The Honorable John L. Mica
Chairman
Committee on Transportation
and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nick J. Rahall
Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation
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Dear Chairman Mica and Ranking Member Rahall,

I am writing to support the amendments offered by Reps. Bartella and Costello during your markup of H.R. 7, the "American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act" that ensure trucks have safe size and weight limitations.

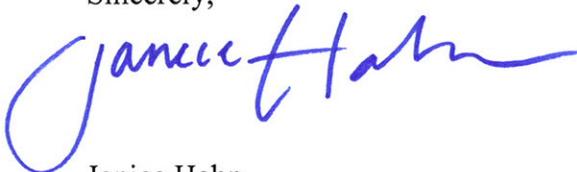
As a Member whose district borders the Port of Los Angeles – part of the United States' largest port complex – and as an advocate for increasing imports and exports at our nation's ports, goods movement is a crucial issue. The cargo that enters the port and is transported through my district is split evenly between rail and trucks; therefore, truck size and weight are extremely important for the local communities.

Larger and heavier trucks unnecessarily burden and damage our highways and roads. International trade brings economic benefit to cities and counties surrounding the port, but they cannot afford the burden of repairing these roads.

Not only do heavier and larger trucks hurt our roads, they are a safety hazard for drivers. The United States Department of Transportation has stated that multi-trailer trucks "could be expected to experience an 11 percent higher overall fatal crash rate than single-trailer combinations." Each of those fatalities is someone's parent, child, or friend.

As the co-chair and founder of the House's PORTS Caucus, goods movement is a crucial issue for me. We must ensure that our infrastructure is maintained and the safety of our highways and local roads is not compromised. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Janice Hahn
Member of Congress